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**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR/TO :** **THE UNDERSECRETARY**  
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**FROM :** **THE UNDERSECRETARY**  
Undersecretary for Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change

**SUBJECT :** **PRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION MEETING ON THE  
ADOPTION OF THE GREEN ASSESSMENT IN THE  
DEPARTMENT**

**DATE :** September 28, 2023

This refers to the current efforts towards the adoption of the Green Assessment Framework (GAF) within the Department. The GAF is an assessment and planning tool that is utilized to determine the health of existing ecosystems, biodiversity, and communities in a post-disaster scenario and inform recovery plans. It was first conceptualized and implemented

by USAID-SIBOL as a response to the onslaught of Category 5 Super Typhoon Odette in December 2021.

Said Framework employs a three-stage approach, namely the 1) Rapid Appraisal to determine the extent of ecosystem damage caused by a disaster, 2) Post-disaster assessment of biodiversity, ecosystems, and ecosystem services and 3) Green Reconstruction and Resilience Planning.

The GAF is also an identified tool that can possibly be used by the DENR to ensure active involvement in the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) as one of its member-agencies, particularly during the Post Disaster Needs Assessments (PDNA) process, to ensure that damages to ecosystems by disasters are taken into account.

With this, may we request you or your duly authorized representative/s, at least Division Chief level, for a face-to-face meeting on **Friday, October 27, 2023. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM at the FMB Conference Room, DENR Forest Management Bureau, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City** to:

1. Present the GAF, its stages, and results of Palawan and Siargao case studies by USAID-SIBOL;
2. Discuss existing tools/programs/projects of concerned Offices related to the GAF; and
3. Identify next steps for the adoption of GAF within the Department and as a biodiversity and ecosystem-based analysis for Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA).

Related materials can be accessed through this link: <http://bit.ly/GAReferences> for your ready reference.

We would also like to express our gratitude for your attendance to several training workshops conducted in 2022 up to this year which were coordinated through the Climate Change Service as the secretariat for the Task Force Build Back Better (Executive Order 120, s. 2020).

Should you have queries and concerns, the Climate Change Service can be contacted through the email address [ccs@denr.gov.ph](mailto:ccs@denr.gov.ph) and 02-8928-1194.

Thank you for your usual support and cooperation.

  
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